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## 'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

**Gleaned from Exchanges.—Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot.—Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.**

Fredericktown is discussing the question of owning its own electric light plant.

Owing to the high price of meats, the butcher shops in Benton have closed down.

A North Missouri editor refuses to publish obituaries of people not taking his paper. His view is that people not taking the home paper are dead anyway, and their demise has no news value.

After having been on the job of carrying the mail from the depot to the postoffice at Benton for eleven years, the carrier has finally gone on a strike for higher wages. He received \$140 per year.

Omar Simmons, a boy who was injured in an accident in a box factory at Farnfeld about a year ago, losing his leg, has finally received \$3,275 on a compromise of his damage suit against the company.

A farmer in Ray county has a calf with a wooden leg. He bought a crippled calf, had the broken leg amputated and the peg fastened to the stub, with the result that the animal gets along very well.

The contest case of John H. Bradley against Argus Cox for the office of judge of the Springfield Court of Appeals was argued in the Supreme Court recently and will likely be decided sometime during this month.

A man in Green county years ago planted a walnut sprout and said he would have his coffin made from it when it grew large enough. At 84, he is yet alive, but his coffin made and his tombstone erected, beside which he has posed already for his photograph.

Reports indicate the melon crop in the southeast will be very short this year, due to the policy encouraged by the government of planting as much food and non-perishable crops as possible and the prospect of an unusual shortage of cars to take care of shipments. Many farmers are replanting their melon fields, where the stand is not good, in corn and peas.

Saturday the five-year old son of Doll Whitwell, living in Cotton Belt, had the middle fingers of his right hand cut off at the first joint in attempting to run a lawn mower. Not being able to push the mower he got assistance from a larger boy who was to push while he pulled. In his endeavor to pull, he seized the cycle bar and the revolving blades sliced off his fingers as above stated.—Dexter Statesman.

Wayne county has decided to take the legality of its road bond issue to the State Supreme Court for decision. After voting an issue of several hundred thousand dollars for the improvement of its roads, prior to the meeting of the last legislature, the bonding company which had agreed to buy the issue and had put up a forfeit of \$10,000, refused to take it because the road law was changed by the legislature and the company was afraid of the validity of the bonds under those circumstances. It is hoped to have the case advanced on the docket and an early decision handed down.

According to a new law passed by the last legislature women may now be elected as school directors.

A petition has been circulated asking signatures of the citizens of Dexter, praying the city council to set aside the ordinance which prohibits hog pens practically all over the city. In other words the privilege is asked of the council to allow any one who wants to, erect and maintain a pen and raise hogs therein.

Butter from the Ozark region will be served to the men at the officers training camp at Savannah, Georgia. The Mountain Grove Creamery Company has secured the contract from the government calling for 75,000 pounds of butter to be shipped to Savannah, between June 1, and January 1. The Frisco Railroad will run a through refrigerator car from Mountain Grove to Savannah once each week to ship the butter.

Officials of the Iron Mountain Mining and Smelting company, will begin mining iron ore at Iron Mountain on a large scale in a short time. The company is incorporated with a paid up capital stock of \$250,000. The company's real estate holdings include the Big and Little Iron Mountain which are said to be rich in ore. A reservoir has been constructed along with a pumping plant at a cost of \$800,000, and ore will be mined by the hydraulic system.

State Grain Inspector, J. M. Bradshaw, has brought a mandamus suit against the state auditor to compel him to issue a warrant for \$27.50 to reimburse Bradshaw for money that he certifies he paid out in tips to Pullman car porters and waiters in hotels and cafes while traveling on official business during the months of January, February, March and April. Bradshaw says he has been advised by the attorney general that tips are legal. He wants the state to stand for the tips he palmed to ebony hued Ethiopian porters and demure waitresses in the city cafes.

S. W. Hampton on Friday of last week found a dead man in the river near the mouth of Nelson's Slough above New Madrid and the next day Ed Hampton found another about 200 yards below where the first one was found. Coroner C. M. Shellenberger being notified held an inquest Saturday afternoon and finding nothing to identify either of the bodies, had their remains buried on the river bank. Monday a Mr. Esters, of Hickman, Ky., hearing of the finding of the bodies came to our city in search of two sons who were missing. After talking to the Coroner the bodies were identified as those of his sons who had left Hickman the middle of last week in a gasoline launch for their farms below that city. That was the last he knew of them. From the fact that they both wore watches and carried some money which were missing when their bodies were found, it is believed they met with foul play. It is reported that the gasoline launch has been located at Caruthersville where it was sold by two boys. Mr. Esters will return later to remove the bodies to their home.—New Madrid Record

A man at Mansfield has 140 acres planted in tomatoes and the prospects are good for a big crop. The Ozarks will do their part this year, if the rain god helps, to furnish food for the nation in the great struggle for our country.

The new officials for state hospitals No. 4 at Farmington will not be named until the June meeting of the new board of managers. At a meeting of the board last week a score of applications were found to be working actively for the place. The board decided to wait some time, as then some might answer their country's call for hospital service. It is rumored that Dr. S. F. Vernon of Charleston and former superintendent of the hospital will be the selection.

The man Pulliam who was recently arrested in Wayne county and brought here on a charge of raising a receipt on E. H. Bess is no longer a resident of the county jail. Monday night he used a stove poker to make a hole through the brick wall through which he escaped and up to date has not been located. Several have expressed themselves as dissatisfied that Mr. Pulliam did not tear the jail down, as that seems about our only chance to get a new one.—Fredericktown Democrat-News.

Fire completely destroyed the Methodist church and parsonage at Advance, about 9 o'clock last Thursday night. The origin of the fire is unknown. The Rev. J. C. Ricket was holding prayer meeting in the church immediately adjoining his parsonage when a passer-by notified him that his home was on fire. Because of a lack of fire fighting equipment the house was soon in flames, which were carried to the nearby church house and in a short time both buildings were entirely consumed. Only a piano and a few books were recovered. There was some insurance on both buildings, so it is thought the congregation will rebuild in the near future.—Cape Republican.

From different points of Howell and Oregon counties, where the hemorrhagic septicaemia has prevailed among cattle, reports reach this city that the disease is under control and no new cases have been reported the past week. State veterinarian, D. F. Luckey, of Columbia, and Dr. H. R. McNally, of Carthage, agent for the government Bureau of Animal Industry, last week visited several sections of Howell and Oregon counties to inspect herds suffering with this disease. Vaccination is recommended for all the herds. The disease seems to take hold in herds that are thin and have been poorly fed during the winter. Take it all in all, only 100 head are reported lost from the disease in these two counties. No new cases are reported.

John McArthur, a farmer and good citizen living near Steele, who was in this city Wednesday reported that the people living near the bayou that reaches back toward Denton from his section of the county were dragging the bayou Tuesday and Wednesday in the effort to recover the body of a man who is said to have been seen to fall into it during Sunday afternoon's storm, being blown there from some unknown part of the country. Mr. McArthur could not vouch for the truth of the story other than that he knew that dragging was being done. The circumstance does not seem very probable, yet it is entirely possible, as severe windstorms

such as those which have visited the country recently have been known to perform stranger feats than this.—Caruthersville Democrat.

Circuit Attorney Daniels, of St. Louis, has stirred up about as great a nest of graft as Joe Folk did in that city several years ago when he made the councilman hunt foreign lands or wear stripes and do penance for their sins. The McDaniel's find came with an increase in salaries for the city employees, and it is charged that the passage of the bill through the legislature cost a big slash fund, and that Frank Farris, the Democratic leader of the house had his fingers pretty well greased. At least he has been indicted by the grand jury. He claims that he is innocent and asks the public to withhold its judgement until he can get an opportunity to prove his innocence. It is said that Joe Crites, one of the big men of the state and who has sought high political honors, is another fellow who has benefited financially by this salary bill or graft. The grand jury has just taken the first trenches, and this body and Circuit Attorney Daniels promises the whole works will be uncovered and captured before they get through with the matter.—Dexter Messenger.

The Charleston Enterprise Courier did not get the right dope on its storm news in last week's edition, in all instances, as will be noted by reading the following from its columns:

Extra—Doniphan, Crowder, Oran, Crystal City and mounds, Ill., were struck by cyclones last night, according to information received through the Bell Telephone Co. An estimate of the fatalities and damage done is not available at an early hour this morning. It is reported that Iron Mountain train number 22, on the main line, was overturned north of Poplar Bluff, and that a train on the Doniphan branch was wrecked and the conductor killed.

Jacob Rau, a well known farmer, was stung to death last Monday while hiving bees. His son went to the garden to call him to breakfast and found him leaning against a fence suffering from heart-failure and breathing hard. He had been stung badly, and that had brought on the attack. He died immediately. Mr. Rau lived northwest of Jackson a few miles. He was born on a ship in 1845 while his parents were crossing the ocean from Germany. His mother died at his birth and was buried at sea. Three sons and two daughters survive him.—Jackson Cash-Book.

Dixon Van Wormer, of West Plains, went to the Officers Training Camp at Fort Riley. While in the wash room at the barracks lavatory shaving, lightning struck the building and knocked Van Wormer unconscious. In falling he skinned his head, and was afterwards honorably discharged and sent home.

Dr. J. C. Welch, of Salem, Dent county, is the new physician at the State penitentiary.

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## Berkeley Sextet in Costume Sketch



These young ladies make up the Berkeley Sextet who have been secured for the Chautauqua. They are an Entertainment-Orchestra, giving orchestra numbers, costume songs and sketches, solos, choruses, and all sorts of other good things.

To make the Sextet the pick of several successful musical companies was taken and combined into this all-star combination.

Towns, everywhere they go, say "Give us the Berkeleys back. They were the hit of the program."

The Berkeleys will give two programs at our Chautauqua on the Fourth Day.

## The Wheat Saved by Hauser, Hesler & Payne

At Kiowa, Kansas, August Hauser had a field of one hundred and forty acres that was threshed last summer at a cost of twelve cents a bushel. Thereafter he noticed that the wheat straw contained considerable wheat grain. This came to him when he was hauling it in for bedding. He decided to re-thresh it as an experiment and the work was handled in twenty hours by the same rig that originally threshed it at a cost of about \$1.00 per bushel for the wheat recovered. The original job was a poor piece of work but Mr. Hauser thinks that threshing is being rushed to such an extent that there is a great deal of the same grade of work being done throughout the country. The wheat threshed last summer was No. 2 and weighed 61 and 62 pounds. That just recovered was of the same grade, and weighed 59 to 60 pounds, there were 131 bushels of it, selling on the Kiowa basis at \$2.50 per bushel. The Kiowa News Review of April 27, commenting upon the above says:

"From the Hauser farm the threshing outfit went to the Joe Hesler farm and similar results were obtained by threshing the straw over."

While it would be possible to get all the grain out on the first threshing if proper attention were paid to it, there can be no question but what good wheat is being left in the straw by poor adjustment of threshing machines.

Some years ago, on his father's farm near Lexington, Kentucky, B. H. Payne was told by a neighbor that it paid to rake the stubble so as to save the wheat lost from the sheaves. The binder seemed to have been handled carefully and all the grain to have been shocked and stacked. but the farmer insisted that every stubble field looks clean until you put a rake on it, so the Payne boy raked their 25 acres of stubble; and, after paying the cost of hauling and threshing, the wheat recovered in this way brought \$35.35.

In Hauser's case, the threshing expense was twelve cents per bushel for the 2,520 bushels of wheat threshed from the 140-acre field, plus the 131 bushels of No. 2 wheat thrown out by the fan and the stacker.

In Payne's case, it was an extra shocking and hauling expense of about \$70.00.

Of course, no farmer is going to pay such threshing and hauling charges if he knows it. And, if he remembers to look into the matter, he will know it. Therefore, this is being printed only as a reminder and in the hope that it may serve to prevent loss of grain; for our best information is to the effect that when all the wheat in sight in the world is grown and ground and baked into bread, not all the world will have been fed, nor other wheat have been grown and ground.

B. F. BUSH, Receiver, and Member National Defense Committee, Saint Louis.



## The Potter DePew Concert Trio



**THE POTTER DEPEW TRIO.**  
This picture shows that extremely talented and clever company, The Potter DePew Concert Trio, that is to be at the Chautauqua on the second day in programs of orchestra music, vocal and instrumental solos—sketches and impersonations.

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